Democratic Hatchman

INK SLINGS.

-Dr. Bacon's "Elixir of Life," is too complicated and probably too expensive.

-Over in Japan they use bulls to haul their dead Emporers to the grave. That is one way of giving the evil spirits "bull".

-The Legislature promises to get industrious. Sessions are to be held on Monday nights and Tuesdays and Wednesdays hereafter.

-That Clearfield county Assemblyman who has discovered a steam roller in the Legislature may turn his information to good use.

-A Mercer county Assemblyman wants to increase the marriage license fees one hundred per cent. Marrying must be a popular sport out there.

-Everybody is in favor of enacting legislation to reduce the cost of collecting taxes, but the chances are no such legislation will be enacted.

-In allotting \$3,343,833 to State College in his budget, Governor Fisher reveals a proper appreciation of Penn-

ing and Charley Chaplin. But they ought to have said whoa! when they were racing after girls young enough to be their daughters. -Senator Scott owns much of the

voters vote as they are told."

A significant development of the

phia in 1926 than in 1922. The can-

didate of the party in 1922 was a

party and he received in Philadelphia

the usual party majority. But in the

exigency which occurred in 1926 it was

deemed necessary to vastly increase

the vote of the Republican candidate

and some 97,000 votes were dug out of

agement of the public.

women have done in politics.

Governor Fisher's Hot Talk.

of Mr. Smith, of Illinois, or the re-

plaint was against his supporters.

ment of Vare by the Senate.

Philipsburg Ledger and Secretary Dorworth owns all of the Bellefonte Republican, but that needn't deceive anybody into the belief that they are merely paper bosses in Centre county.

-From what we hear of the probable number of candidates for Commissioner on the Republican ticket it appears to us that the coming primary is to result in a scramble that's going to puzzle some one a lot to unscramble.

-We have been laboring under the delusion that the Centre county forests were about denuded. There must be a lot more timber land about than we knew was in existence. Candidates are coming out of the woods every where.

-The final and knock-out blow to three white men have been sent to jail for robbing the hen-roosts of their colored neighbors.

-The Reds of Russia are demanding a world uprising to crush Uncle Sam's imperialistic policies. What a futile request. The world is having a happy time in night clubs these days and uprising is the last word it wants to hear anything of.

-If the ground hog didn't see his shadow Wednesday the best advice we can give him is to call on one or the other of the two very good optometrists whose location is given in another column of this paper. Certainly his eyes need attention.

-Another of our old friends has fallen into a nice berth. Sam Walker, of Butler, has been given a place on the Public Service Commission by Governor Fisher and Sam is just such a person as will give the Commission very devoted and intelligent service.

-Senator Jim Reed, of Missouri, told some Philadelphians, on Saturday of Columbia, at Washington, the other to all who read the figures produced. night, that Senator Dave Reed, of Pennsylvania, is a fine fellow. And things he said "the United States Sen-

father. Who would have thought it. -While some of the people up at State College will think that the Governor hasn't allotted our big educational institution all it needs they will all be very happy over his evident intention to take care of it in as generous a manner as the State's revenues will

-A suggestion to council: Get a grass cutter attachment for the snow scraper and use it next summer to the great Commonwealths of the direct amounts to \$50,000,000 a year, mow the lawns in the public parks. No, that won't do either. Since it hasn't snowed since the scraper was bought, perhaps the grass wouldn't grow after a cutting attachment was added.

-Dr. Edwin Hubble, of Mt. Wilson observatory, announces that he has studied some of the "extra-galactic nebulae of the island universes beyond the stellar system." He says they are five quintillion miles away. If that be be admirable. But we are able to ticians of the American Road Builders' so the doctor can tell the world any- conjure up no recent incidents that association, and not without reason. thing he likes about them because no body will undertake the journey out the Governor, especially at a banquet ducts of the farm to market are comthere just to disprove his deductions. the auspices of the Volstead law.

-Suzanne Lenglen, the French net star, played tennis all her life and amassed nothing more than a show case full of medals and loving William A. Vare, he may justify his levy taxes on motor vehicles, and cal, gave up her amateur status and signed up with Charley Pyle. He showed her off to the "suckers" in this country for only four months and she is going home with a hundred thousand dollars. Lenglen knows more games than tennis.

-We can't see that William Gibbs McAdoo made such a mess of it by his alleged insult of New York and Maryland in his Toledo speech. The former Secretary of the Treasury wasn't just exactly polite in his refer- able to other causes than the treat- matter of payment. ence to the two great Commonwealths but he had nothing to lose. He knew he has about as much chance of getting a vote from either the New York Lewis on Monday sent out checks that most of it had been on the or Maryland delegations in the next for the appropriation to public schools ground since the first week in Decem-Democratic National convention as a in fourth class districts. Centre coun- ber. It is not often that the weather chases it through hades.



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Wilson in the Fight to Win. Ballot Reform in the Legislature.

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In addressing a Jackson day banquet, in Philadelphia last week, Wil-Collectors liam B. Wilson gave some of the reassacred privilege of Democracy. sons why he is contesting the right Through it is expressed the final will of the elimination of the fee system and to a seat in the United States Senate the people. It should be guarded as the present method of borough and with William S. Vare, who holds a something priceless to our perpetuity. township tax collection. A bill has "certificate of doubt." Mr. Wilson I favor the enactment and enforcecarried the State of Pennsylvania out- ment of such laws as will insure the side of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh free use and fair count of the ballot provides that at the end of their presby 98,000 majority. Notwithstanding of every qualified voter." That was a ent term of office local tax collectors the corrupt vote in Pittsburgh Mr. genuine and earnest promise of ballot be succeeded by a "salaried county tax Wilson came to the Philadelphia city reform legislation. But events since collector, who would be the then servline with 60,000 majority. This sub- have not supported the hope of such ing county treasurers. Each county stantial majority was overcome by a consummation. Much of the treasurer, in addition to the salary and sylvania's greatest educational asset. fraudulent votes in Philadelphia, time allotted for the session has pass- fees he now receives, would receiv an mainly in what are known as "the ed and the Governor has not taken a River wards," of which the Vare man- step or made a motion that would lector." In Centre county the additionager in testifying before the Senate indicate his continued interest in bal- al amount would be \$1000. Slush Fund committee, said, "the lot reform.

been reintroduced, it having passed reputable and popular member of the The original resolution provided for measure as a hostile gesture. It is felt that the expense of voting ma- the county. chines might drive country members in to opposition. As voting machines That excess vote, made up of ballot difference of opinion.

box stuffers and other criminals, will be isolated by the Senate committee. The vote on the motion to deny in the interest of electoral crime and Smith, of Illinois, the right to be the Governor might issue a protest date. sworn in in advance of investigation against them. One of these is intendthose who won't believe that times indicates the views of the Senators on ed to make it difficult, if not imposare changing is the announcement that the question of tainted titles. There sible, to organize an independent to be paid them, there is no way of were more reasons in favor of Smith movement. Another increases the num- figuring out just how much cheaper than Vare. A larger amount of money ber of signers required to a petition to it would be to collect the taxes that was spent for Vare than for Smith and get on the ballot and the third pro- way than it is under the present fee the Smith supporters had candidly re- hibits any candidate from appearing system. In fact it is an easy matter vealed the source of the supply. Then on two party tickets. These several to calculate the cost under the fee systhere was no charge of fraudulent measures express the ideas of the real tem, as the collector gets a certain voting in the case of Smith. Mr. Wil- dyed-in-the-wool machine politician per cent. on every dollar collected. son believes that enough fraudulent who is kept in favor by the boss he But there is no way of computing in votes were cast for Vare to make up serves faithfully. It is the plain duty advance what the collection would cost his majority, and he is a conservative man not given to exaggeration. All in the Legislature to increase advance what the collection would cost treaty relations is backed by a long record of deeds. It could never be man not given to exaggeration. All in in the Legislature to jump on these sor, the matter should be very careall he has assumed an attitude in sup- machine measures and kick them off port of right and deserves the encour- the calendar.

> -There is always something -It was the Women's Democratic worse to come. The most disgusting club which influenced W. B. Wilson to scandal of recent years is the "Peaches contest the election of William S. Browning," case on trial at White Vare, which is one of the best things Plains, New York.

> > Value of Good Roads.

The value of good roads to the At this distance from the scene it farmers of the country has been made would seem that Governor Fisher was the subject of investigation by the unduly "het up" at a dinner of the American Road Builders' association Pennsylvania Society of the District with a result that must be surprising evening. Among other less startling After observing that "good roads have opened up a new avenue of marketing then he admitted that they both sprang from the same great grand of Democracy." Whether the attitude and inexpensive means for selling his of the Senate in respect to the seating products," the report shows that roadside markets in the rural disfusal to ratify the appointment of Mr. tricts sell produce to the value of more Cyrus E. Woods to a seat on the In- than \$2,116,000 a month direct to moterstate Commerce Commission, in- torists." This total includes only sales fluenced him to this radical expression, from small stands operated along the is left to conjecture. But it is certain highway, usually by the small truck that no fault was found with Woods farmer, and consists of fruits and personally or politically. The comvegetables.

The same authority estimates that The Governor is all right in public the sale of fresh eggs, milk, butter standing "upon our rights as one of and poultry by farmers to motorists Union," and on equally safe ground making a total of \$75,000,000 of busiin his statement that "we propose to ness for the farmers. Of course this make ourselves heard in the halls of is not all profit but the difference be-Congress." He will be sustained by tween the present cost of marketing popular approval in his statement and that of previous times is gain, and that "we do not propose to submit ascribable to the improved highways silently to attempts to humiliate Penn- which are apparent everywhere and sylvania on the part of our sister Com- conspicuously so in Pennsylvania. The monwealths." This spirit sounds fine various other advantages of good and if there were occasion for it would | roads are fully extolled by the statiswould justify such talk on the part of The farmer's trucks conveying the proconducted under the operations if not mon in every community.

While all these statements with If the Governor had in mind what respect to the value of good roads and is likely to happen to his recent col- the advantage they yield are true it league on the Republican ticket, Mr. is equally certain that it is unjust to language in his own mind, though be- means of operating them, and apply fore the primary in May he said some the proceeds to other uses than that of rather uncomplimentary things about road building and road repairs. What-Mr. Vare. If he expects Pennsylvania ever money is acquired by license fees to "be heard in the halls of Congress" for motor vehicles and gasoline should through the voice of Mr. Vare, he is be used exclusively for highway conlikely to be disappointed, for the struction and repairs and to supply the Senate action on the case of Smith, of sinking fund to pay the bonds issued Illinois, practically precludes Vare for highway purposes. The farmers from a voice in the Senate. Any other of Pennsylvania will have much keener humiliations that are put on Pennsyl- enjoyment of the advantages of good vania "on the part of our sister Com- roads when they have assurances that monwealths" will probably be ascrib- they are getting a square deal in the

-The disappearance of the last -Auditor General Samuel S. of the snow on Sunday reminded us celluloid rat has when an asbestos cat ty schools received a total of \$82,829.- is continuously cold enough to hold a fall of snow for two months.

A hard fight will be made at the present session of the Legislature for been introduced in the Senate by Senator Schantz, of Lehigh county, which additional salary as county tax col-

Hard Fight On for Elimination of Tax

With the consent of the county com-It is true that some signs of pro- missioners, the county tax collectors gress are shown in the General As- would employ necessary clerks, whose investigation thus far is the fact sembly. The resolution providing for salaries would be fixed by the salary that there were 97,000 more votes cast a constitutional amendment to per- boards or the commissioners. Onefor United States Senator in Philadel- mit the use of voting machines has half of the entire cost of tax collection would be paid by each county and the both houses during the session of 1925. other half by the various other taxing districts in the proportion that the machines in all parts of the State. valuation of the assessment of the This is interpreted by friends of the particular district would bear to the total valuation of all the districts in

The county tax collector would the slums in order to overcome the are plainly in the interest of honest clerks as deputy collectors without ad-60,000 majority which the people of elections the Governor might appro- ditional compensation other than for the State had given to Mr. Wilson. priately intervene to iron out this expenses. Taxes also could be paid through registered mail, by money-Senator Homsher has introduced order or by certified check. Delinsome election bills that are palpably quent taxes would incur a penalty of 1 per cent. a month as the first due

As no limit is placed on the number acted into a law, notwithstanding the fact that it is being backed by various organizations in the State.

-Another Vare man turned down a seat on the compensation board, but the ticket has been handed to a Scranton man.

Mellon Methods in the Legislature.

The Mellon machine has run strictly to form in disposing of the small favors in the Legislative organization. It has been the custom to apportion the small clerkships, the sargeants-at arms, door keepers, pasters and folders and other subordinate officials rule. among the Senators and Representatives, to give those favored some prestige in the community in which they live. This year, however, under the Mellon regime, the local representatives are ignored and the patronage, party affiliations the machine is thus entrenched.

There are three or four hundred of these minor officers in both branches From the Harrisburg Telegraph. of the Legislature, and the salaries run from five to eight dollars a day draw in the neighborhood of eight hundred dollars while the lesser priced men would get proportionately less. But for the entire group of three or four hundred it affords recompense and under the Mellon method the the machine, and Mr. Mellon is the machine. It is carrying out a system of making the public pay the Mellon campaign expenses.

The distribution of these favors for the present session was made last week. It is the custom to make the appointments about the first week of the session, and it is said Mr. Mellon was responsible for the delay thisyear. He wasn't familiar with the processes and wanted time to study them out. The result shows that he is prepared for anything in the future in Philadelphia. Vare henchmen got very few of the favors and if it should seem expedient to throw Vare overboard, a not improbable contingency, the Mellon machine will have the nucleus of an organization to make a fight. The senate investigation of Philadelphia ballot boxes may have important results.

for federal judge, is the last victim. Philipsburg.

The Worst Prohibition Scandal.

From the Philadelphia Record. It is publicly acknowledged by General Andrews that the United States Government, through its agents acting in an official capacity, has bought liquor in Canada, smuggled it into this country and sold it to civilians as distinguished from governmental bootleggers. It is in evidence that the United States Government operated a bootlegging agency in New York city and a speakeasy in conjunction with a low dive in Norfolk, Va., where liquor was retailed to the Negro trade. It is of record that the United States Government set up and operated moonshine stills in Virginia and North

These are strange enterprises for Uncle Sam. Their purpose was to entrap illicit dealers in alcoholic beverages. The detection and punishment of such dealers is Uncle Sam's business. But the means he employed in these cases strike us as contemptible and disgraceful. They were outlawed by public opinion at home and abroad before Uncle Sam was borne.

The employment of agents to parcriminals, to incite to lawlessness, is a sorry enterprise for an enlightened nation in this twentieth century. If it were deliberately authorized for the purpose of discrediting prohibition we Grove, Schuylkill county, druggist, aged could understand it; not otherwise. 52, dropped dead. He apparently had been For not only the enemies but the in perfect health and the first indication friends of the prohibition theory must be shocked and scandalized by this debasing method of attempting to ensnare lawbreakers.

Exposure should suffice to put an end to the activities above referred to. There is enough corruption in the prohibition enforcement service without the Government officially making itself a party to profitable bootlegging and using the proceeds to send its partners and fellow-conspirators to

The United States and China.

From the Pittsburgh Post. The liberal tone and good will of the statement issued by Secretary of State Kellogg in defining the American attitude toward China in connection with the demand for equality in tter should be very care-said that this country was actuated ered before the bill is en-to a milder attitude toward China by the steady sweep of the forces of the Cantonese government. Not only has the United States never sought concessions in China, but frequently, as in cancelling indemnity awarded it in settlement of the troubles growing out by Fisher. M. J. McEnery aspired to of the Boxer uprising, it has shown special friendship for the Chinese. At the Washington conference it was the leader in efforts to pave the way for China to a position of equality and stability. Its declaration now that as soon as it can be shown which is the responsible government in China with which to negotiate it will be ready, on assurance of protection of American interests, to enter into whatever modified treaty arrangements may be justified should have the effect of promoting good will for us among the forces striving to establish a new

It is significant and refreshing to find the movement now in China referred to as national instead of a mere bolshevistic disturbance. "The Government of the United States has watched with sympathetic interest the nationalist awakening of China, as it is called, has been taken over by and welcomes every advance made by the State organization, to which the the Chinese people toward reorganizobligation is due and which ex- ing their system of government." pects fidelity. In the event of shifting There is a statement that says considerable.

We Taught Them.

A Harrisburg minister in an address on conditions in China yesterday spoke during the session. The session is with regret of the shabby treatment supposed to last for a hundred days the Chinese are giving the medical and the eight dollars a day men would missionaries and others who have done so much to teach the people of that land better ways of living. This, as of finding the cause of the prevailing illness. It is expected it will take them of Christian Chinese.

And it is regrettable, for the missionaries have taught the Chinese the for party service and party activity truth that eventually will make them free. Unfortunately they have been service is not to an individual but to followed by the exploiting agents of Europe and Japan, who have counted themselves superior to Chinese legal restraint and have ground the poor natives into the dust and robbed them at every turn.

The missionaries taught the Chinese American ideals, and American ideals have set the country a fire. The The Chinese desire to get rid of the foreigner, and anti-foreign sentiment unfortunately fails to discriminate, so the source of the new inspiration for national liberty and independence is suffering along with those whose misconduct has brought about the present threatening situation.

The future is dark with uncertainty, Only this much seems clear—that the Chinest eventually will work out their own salvation and Europe and the United States will have to take just pany, \$19,766. The Aetna Life Insurance what China desires to give-no more and no less.

-Among the awards of scholarship announced at State College this week was a \$100 Carnegie award to F. -The Senate appears to be form- W. Warner, a Sophomore, and a son ing a habit of rejecting Coolidge's ap- of Frank W. Warner, assistant cashier pointments. Tilson, of Georgia, named of the Moshannon National bank, States Circuit Court of Appeals, and order-

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Charles I. Wert, 20, of Blanchard, sustained a fracture of the right leg below the knee when the wagon he was driving loaded with logs, near Castanea, upset last Friday, pinning him underneath the load.

Ella Maxino, 22 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Anderson, of Cambridge Springs, knows her alphabet, it is said, and though she cannot talk much beyond saying "daddy" or "mamma" she can point out and pronounce the 26 let-

-Rose A. Murphy, of Pittsburgh, who sued the Pennsylvania Railroad company, charging that her career as a concert singer and music teacher had been ruined following the wreck of a train on which she was a passenger, was given a verdict of \$35,000 against the railroad company in common pleas court in that city last Thursday.

-Because the State Highway Departnent built a new road through his farm of 185 acres, Harvey A. Strubbauer, of Schuylkill county, asked the county viewers to award him \$8,000 damages. The road was put through the farm in such a way that the rear of the house now faces the main road, while the front of the house is to the rear.

-The Rev. H. H. Weber, Lutheran clergyman of Reading, and for many years general secretary of the Lutheran board of Church Extension of the United States, last week made a gift of \$75,000 to Gettysburg College as a memorial to his wife, who died recently. The proceeds of the gift will be used to erect a library building on the college campus.

-Stepping in front of several sleds loaded with coasters near the school house at Salona, Lois McKibbin, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McKibben, of Salona, was struck and knocked down and sustained a fracture of both bones of the leg near the knee. She was removed to the Lock Haven hospital where she is in a critical condition due to the severing of an ticipate in crime, to tempt suspected artery which prevented setting of the

-While listening to a hymn "There's a Land That is Fairer Than Day," over the radio Saturday night, E. P. Barr, a Pine who was operating the radio set, saw his head drop to one side. A physician was summoned, but Mr. Barr was dead when he arrived.

Harry Butler, 18-year-old student of Mt. St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, who has been a patient in the Warner hospital in Gettysburg since November, was discharged and went to his home in Pittsburgh on Saturday morning. He was hurt in a football game, suffering a broken neck, in a contest between the Mount Academy team, of which he was a guard, and the Gonzaga team from Baltimore. He was in the hospital exactly ten weeks, his mother being with him the entire time.

-A large collection of rare chinaware, old quilts and several score of guns and firearms, some almost 200 years old and priceless, were destroyed when fire consumed the beautiful country home of W. R. Moore on the western edge of Washinton county, Pa. Flames originating, apparently, from a defective chimney flue had gained such headway when discovered that no attempt was made to quench them. Practically nothing was saved. The loss, in addition to the heirlooms and relics, is about \$25,000.

-Overjoyed at locating her daughter, from whom she had not heard in eight years, Mrs. Mary Fisher, of Pottsville, broke her leg in the same place for the third time and again is in the Pottsville hospital. A previous fracture occurred while she was visiting in Philadelphia several months ago. Six week ago she broke her leg and, before the bone was fully knit, she placed her entire weight on the leg when told that her daughter had been found. The daughter who left Pottsvile with a theatrical troupe, is a moving picture actress in California.

-E. T. Norton, 60 years old, of Connellsville, Pa., died at 7.30 o'clock Monday morning in Mercer hospital, Trenton, N. J., of injuries received in the rear-end collission of a Baltimore and Ohio express and a Reading Company train at Pennington Saturday night. The wreck was also indirectly responsible for another fatality. Louis W. Steeble, 55 years old, of Elkins Park, Pa., secretary of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance company, was stricken with heart attack while walking past the wrecked cars to transfer to a Philadelphia bound train. He dropped dead alongside the tracks. -The State Department of Health has

ordered a thorough investigation of Mauch Chunk's epidemic of acute intestinal affliction, of which 250 people were victims. The Department believes the town's water supply is the cause of the epidemic, and sent department engineers there to take the necessary steps to prevent spread of the disease. The State engineers visited the reserseveral days to make a complete investigation, and in the meantime the people are being advised to boil their water.

-An experiment in store-keeping at Franklin and Marshall College has proved that the 600 students are practically 100 per cent, honest. Two weeks ago the campus house, a recreational centre in the old gymnasium, was opened and Harold J. Budd, president of the student senate, thought it necessary to provide candies, chewing gum and tobacco for the students. It was impossible to always have a clerk present and Budd decided to institute the "serve yourself and pay cash" system. After two weeks of operation, the store not only shows a profit but a check on the total amount of business revealed that only one piece of merchandise was taken that was not paid for.

-Federal Judge Johnson handed down an opinion at Scranton, on Saturday, awarding Mrs. Helen A. Wright, widow of Thomas A. Wright, former general manager of the Wilkes-Barre Railroad comcompany was the defendant. Wright was killed in an automobile accident six years ago and the insurance company offered payment of \$7500. Mrs. Wright, the beneficiary, held a clause in the policy was for \$15,000 in case of death by automobile accident. The case was started in the Luzerne county courts, later transferred to the Federal Court, carried to the United ed back to the lower Federal court.